GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:51
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2001
FUNDS TO MAHARASHTRA FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to identify some new sites of tourists interest all over the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated during the Ninth Five Year Plan for promotion of tourism in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(d) the number of domestic/foreign tourists visited Maharashtra during the last three years;

(e) the amount likely to be allocated for this purpose during Tenth Five Year Plan to each state; and

(f) the total income earned during the above period by the State Government therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM, STATISTIC & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b): Development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance to various State Governments/ UTs on the basis of project prioritised annuallyincluding the new sites in consultation with them. In 2001-2002 a total number of 26 projects have been prioritised with the sanctioned amount of Rs.810.00 lakhs as per list at Annexure − I.

(c): In the 9th Fiver year Plan the Planning Commission has approved Rs.485.75Crores for Department of Tourism. No separate allocation has been made for Maharashtra.

(d): During the last three years the domestic and foreign tourist visited Maharashtra is given below:

Year	1998	1999	2000
Domestic	7183687	7542871	8297158
Foreign	980850	1033816	1075169

(e): The allocation of budget for the Department of Tourism for 10th Five Year Plan isin the process of finalisation with the Planning Commission.

(f): There is no mechanism to quantify the income earned from tourism by individual states. However, during the last three years the following are the estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the country.

Year	1998	1999	2000
In Rs. Crores	12150.00	12951.00	14475.43
In US$ Million	2948.00	3009.00	3295.54

ANNEXURE − I IN RESPECT OF PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.51 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.1 REGARDING FUNDS TO MAHARASHTRA FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT.

Project prioritised for the State of Maharashtra for the year 2001-2002.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Amount Prioritised (CFA)
1.	Beautification of Elephanta Island Dist. Raigad - Beautification of the jetty areau - Provision of traditional canopies along with Walkwayu - Beautification of walkway & providing Resting Facilitiesu - Signage`su - Providing public amenities like toilets	75.00
2.	Improvement of View points, protective railing Signage`s & other tourists amenities at Mahabaleshwar Hill Station , Dist. Satara	50.00
3.	Improvement of View points protective railing, signages and other tourist amenities at Matherran Hill station, Dist. Raigad	50.00
4.	Provision of tourist amentities & show casing of Gawilgad fort, Dist. Amravati	50.00
5.	Development of View points protective railings, signages, Mall Road, Children park, Bhimkund point at Hill Station Chikhaldara, Dist. Amravati	50.00
6.	Introduction of Kokani house boats in Kalaval & Tarkarli Creeks in Dist. Sindhudurg	50.00
7	Introduction of house boats with a restaurant at Sangmeshwar crek in Dist. Ratnagiri	50.00
8.	Development of Kokani Huts at Velneshwar Dist. Ratnagiri	50.00
9.	Water side amenity on Tarkarli creek in Dist. Sindhudurg	40.00
10.	Water side amenity on Jaigad creek	40.00
11.	Upgradation of Technology & Computerization - Creating a Maharashtra Tourism Portal - Video, Animation, Picture, etc.	90.00
12.	Development of Heritage sites at Mumbai - Promote walking tours, putting plaques, signage`s, General beautification, etc.	50.00
13.	Integrated development of Kolwan Valley signages, Public amenities one restaurant, etc.	50.00
14.	Development of Sawantwadi in Sindhudurg Dist., Landscaping at Chiwar Tekdi, Public amenities near Moti Talao, Tourist Complex etc.	50.00
15.	Koyana Valley Development Plan	10.00
16.	Yeoor Development Plan	10.00
17.	Beautification of Hot Water Springs at Unapdeo Dist., Jalgoan	25.00
18.	Providing Tourist Amenities like drinking water, toilet etc. at Paradsinga Dist. Nagpur	10.00
19.	Fairs & Festivals (a) Ellora Festival (Rs.5.00 lakhs) (b) Elephanta Festival (Rs.5.00 lakhs)	10.00
	Total	810.00